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SUBJECT: RFE/RL ACCREDITATION TO 1980 SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES IN
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1. INTRO AND SUMMARY. IN CONVERSATION WITH CONGEN POLOFF JULY 29, BIB CHAIRMAN GRONOUSKI INDICATED THAT ISSUE OF RFE/RL ACCREDITATION TO 1980 SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES IN MOSCOW WAS ONE OF THE SUBJECTS HE WOULD RAISE WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST. THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS BACKGROUND MATERIAL AND RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST IN PREPARATION FOR MEETING WITH GRONOUSKI. END SUMMARY.

2. CONGEN HAS LEARNED FROM RELIABLE SOURCE AT RFE/RL MUNICH THAT RFE/RL PRESIDENT MICKELSON HAS BEEN DISCUSSING MOSCOW ACCREDITATION ISSUE WITH WILLI DAUME, CHAIRMAN OF FRG OLYMPIC COMMITTEE AND VICE PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC
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COMMITTEE (IOC). DAUME AND MICKELSON HAVE APPARENTLY DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF HAVING IOC ACCREDIT RFE/RL CORRESPONDENT TO MOSCOW GAMES IN PRINCIPLE ON UNDERSTANDING THAT RFE/RL WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT ACTUALLY SEND ONE OF ITS OWN STAFFERS TO MOSCOW BUT INSTEAD RELY ON SERVICE OF FREE-LANCER SERVICING SEVERAL END-USERS IN WEST. MICKELSON APPARENTLY BELIEVES SUCH A "COMPROMISE" WOULD HAVE THE VIRTUES OF PROTECTING PRINCIPLE THAT RFE/RL

CORRESPONDENT(S) IS ENTITLED TO ACCREDITATION, AVERTING CLASH WITHIN IOC WHICH MIGHT RESULT IN NEGATIVE DECISION FOR RFE/RL, AND OBVIATING NEED FOR RFE/RL CORRESPONDENT TO APPLY FOR SOVIET VISA TO COVER GAMES.

3. BELIEVE DAUME SEES ISSUE IN BROADER CONTEXT. HE APPARENTLY FEELS HE IS CERTAIN TO SUCCEED THE AGING LORD KILLANIN AS IOC CHAIRMAN IN 1979 OR 1980. HE DOES NOT WANT TO SEE FUTURE OF GAMES JEOPARDIZED, BUT BELIEVES THIS COULD HAPPEN IF "HUMAN RIGHTS" FORCES IN US CONGRESS, PERHAPS WITH SUPPORT FROM PRESIDENT CARTER, THREATEN TO WITHHOLD, OR ACTUALLY REFUSE TO PROVIDE, NECESSARY FUNDS FOR US PARTICIPATION IN MOSCOW GAMES.

4. DAUME SAYS HE IS QUITE CONCERNED THAT BECAUSE CONTRACT PROVIDING FOR US TV COVERAGE OF MOSCOW GAMES IS PREDICATED UPON US TEAM'S PARTICIPATION IN GAMES, PULLOUT BY US TEAM OVER ACCREDITATION ISSUE WOULD SPELL FINANCIAL DISASTER FOR MOSCOW GAMES AND PUT FUTURE OF GAMES IN JEOPARDY. HE THEREFORE SEEKS COMPROMISE ACCEPTABLE TO SOVIETS, WHO DO NOT WISH TO RISK POSSIBILITY THAT US CONGRESS MIGHT PULL PLUG ON US PARTICIPATION, AS WELL AS RFE/RL AND USG.

5. ACCREDITATION ISSUE ALSO AROSE IN JULY 26 CONVERSATION BETWEEN DAUME AND CONGEN POLOFF AT LATTER'S RECEPTION IN HONOR OF GRONOUSKI. DAUME BROACHED ISSUE BY ASKING WHETHER SUBJECT OF RFE/RL HAD YET COME UP IN BELGRADE. WHEN POLOFF

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RESPONDED THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE IT HAD NOT, DAUME SAID HE WAS ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THAT SOVIETS WOULD BRING ISSUE UP IN OCTOBER. DAUME THEN TURNED TO ACCREDITATION ISSUE, RECOMMENDING THAT IT BE RESOLVED BY SECRETARY VANCE AND FONMIN GROMYKO IN THE COURSE OF ONE OF THEIR PERIODIC FORMAL MEETINGS. DAUME EMPHASIZED HIS CONVICTION THAT ISSUE COULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY WITHIN IOC, AND THEN REPLAYED ARGUMENTS CITED IN PARA 4.

6. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH DAUME'S DISCUSSIONS WITH MICKELSON AND HIS SUGGESTION THAT ISSUE BE RESOLVED AT VANCE-GROMYKO LEVEL MIGHT SEEM INCONSISTENT, WE VIEW THEM AS PARALLEL EFFORTS TO AVERT A US-SOVIET CLASH OVER ACCREDITATION ISSUE WHICH MIGHT UNDERMINE THE FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF OLYMPIC GAMES. IT SHOULD BE RECALLED THAT DAUME'S CREDENTIALS AS "BROKER" ON RFE/RL ACCREDITATION ISSUE DATE FROM 1972 SUMMER GAMES IN MUNICH AND INCLUDE IMPORTANT BACK-STAGE ROLE IN ADVISING US OF SOVIET POSITION ON RFE/RL ACCREDITATION TO 1976 SUMMER GAMES IN MONTREAL (MUNICH 1376, JUNE 16, 1976, EXDIS/NOTAL). ONCE AGAIN, CONGEN HAS NO REPEAT NO DOUBT THAT DAUME HAS FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF SOVIET THINKING.

7. DAUME'S SUGGESTION THAT ACCREDITATION ISSUE BE RESOLVED AT VANCE-GROMYKO LEVEL WOULD SEEM TO BE NON-STARTER AS AUTHORITY TO ACCREDIT FALLS WITHIN PERVIEW OF IOC.

8. CONGEN QUESTIONS ADVISABILITY OF MICKELSON DISCUSSING ACCREDITATION ISSUE WITH DAUME WITHOUT PRIOR CONSULTATIONS WITH DEPARTMENT AND BIB. POLOFF HAS EXPRESSED THIS MISGIVING TO GRONOUSKI WHO SHARES IT.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS:

A) THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST DISCUSS ACCREDITATION ISSUE WITH GRONOUSKI IN EFFORT TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR JOINT DEPARTMENT-BIB APPROACH TO ISSUE;
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B) THAT ONCE AN APPROACH IS AGREED UPON, DEPARTMENT, BIB AND, IF APPROPRIATE, WHITE HOUSE, EMPHASIZE TO US MEMBERS OF IOC IMPORTANCE USG ATTACHES TO RFE/RL ACCREDITATION;

C) THAT KEY CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS BE BRIEFED ON US POSITION AND ENCOURAGED TO SPEAK OUT IN SUPPORT OF IT AT APPROPRIATE TIME.

10. REQUEST THAT FOREGOING INFORMATION ABOUT DAUME'S ACTIVITIES BE PROTECTED.
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